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The Falls in Winter, near Canyon City, Tex.

The Palo Duro Canyon as a National Park.

While the broad, sunlit plains of the Panhandle have unending charms in the grandeur of their sweep, their glorious mirage and radiant sunsets, still there is an ever recurring longing for the stream with its babbling currents, the precipice and cliff, the woodland and the mellow, shadowy scenes of the landscape.

As astounding as it may seem to the uninformed there is in the Panhandle, and beginning just a couple of miles from Canyon City, the Palo Duro canyon, ranking in point of sublime proportions and all the elements of both wonder and beauty with the more memorable spots for scenic grandeur and renown of this or any of the continents of the earth.

Imagine yourself journeying over the level plains with your vision confronted only by the distant horizon and the shifting mirage, to suddenly halt upon the very verge of a precipice or wall of hundreds of feet, and as you stand appalled with the first distended vision you cover from one to three miles to a similar precipice or wall on the opposite side. These precipices give off every known shade and coloring and in their fantastic creation nature and geology combined their greatest forces in building an adamant picture, awesome, weird and the acme of sublimity. The two or three miles intervening, the two stupendous canyon walls have perennial springs and rivulets and a tree and plant growth of semi-tropical luxuriance. There are over 100 distinct tree species, from the evergreen cedar, defying time and storm from the towering crag, to the delicate fern that enchants you from the margin of the stream.

The main portion of this great

trying to hid itself in a mingling of rainbow, spray and foam of the cataract. Passing the rapids you enter upon a level stretch with edging waters, athwart whose broadening surface is cast the shadow of reposeful sycamores and willows, water out of whose crystal depths pond lilies peep and from whose moss-veiled banks nodding ferns salute; and right here is a rapturous sylvan scene that would rekindle the smoldering emotions of every-



THE PALO DURO CANYON.

one of the most ideal club grounds to be found in the state of Texas is that of the Palo Duro Club, situated just below the juncture of the Palo Duro and Tierra Blanca creeks and nearly at the head of the main Palo Duro canyon. They have an exceedingly large club ground with approximately three miles of creek, along which will be found numerous dams thereby giving ample water at all times for fishing purposes. The reader will note how abruptly the level prairie breaks down into this break of nature, the canyon.

one, however phlegmatic, old or young, and, following in quick succession, these scenes can never be overcrowded by seekers of soul's affinities—the extent of area is too great.

The Palo Duro canyon defies the work of pen or painter's brush. It presents an awe-inspiring, kaleidoscopic picture fashioned by Nature and Nature's God which no man can faithfully portray. It is Edenic and entrancing in its charm. Here the lover of natural history, fossil and geology can explore to his heart's content.

Such an extended and elaborate narration of the places and scenery was attempted by the writer solely to enlighten the uninformed and to make clear to the outside world that there are means at hand for outdoor life and pleasing, soulful and healthful play and recreation fully equal to the more famous spots of the world. When they are known they will be appreciated.

The good roads and excellent drainage make Randall County an ideal place for the use of automobiles both for business and pleasure. There are about twenty-five miles of good roads in the county. They can be used the year around and this winter there has not been a winter in the county for a long time. That it is a pleasure to drive a good road through the county is a fact.

Passing of the Cow Boy.

Under the caption "Photographing the Cowboy as He Disappears," the World's Works for January publishes a story by Harry Peyton Steger concerning a wonderful line of photographs made by Edwin E. Smith, a Bonham, Texas, young man who has worked many years as a cowboy and is now an art student in the Boston Museum of photography, representing eight years of work and patience, numbers more than 2,000. It seems that Mr. Smith appreciated the fact that the ranches and the cowboys were rapidly passing away, and if the art was to be accurately in art, it was time some one should go to work at it. Therefore he began making photographs of the subject.

"I knew that the life would not wait," he is quoted as saying, "and the technique would, so I put off Boston as long as I could."

He didn't go to the ranches to take pictures. He was already at work upon them, experienced in the duties of a cowboy before he conceived the idea of using a camera.

Mr. Steger, in emphasizing the importance of Mr. Smith's work says: "Ten years from today there will not be in the United



This jumble of rock will give the reader some idea of the immensity of Nature's creations and the varieties which may be found in the Palo Duro. Broad level places, filled with large trees of almost every known kind, are to be found surrounded by the roughs of time's erosions. Then far below may be seen the waters flowing rapidly onward. Truly the Palo Duro offers great scenic value to even the most casual sightseer.

and with the improvements of grades in the animals themselves, two acres of farm can be made to do the work of ten or fifteen acres of range. Today there are in Texas only six or seven ranches of one million acres or more. Ten years ago there were at least thirty."

The above article in portraying the passing of the cowboy, pictures the heretofore great "cattle states" as thickly populated farming states with only a few cattle ranches here and there where the land is too broken for farming purposes; a few years hence.

The passing of the big ranches has been slow, considering the ever increasing demand for level farming lands on the Plains, but now there are only a few left and they, too, will soon be dotted all over with waving fields of golden grain.

The farmer is relentless in his search for level land that produces most with the least expenditure of time and effort and can find land of such character only where the cattle business was once the only industry known on the Plains of Texas.

Texas is noted for its low tax rate, it being lower than in any other state in the Union. When Texas was admitted into the Union all public lands were retained by the state, all of which have been sold and the money, mostly, been turned into the public school funds and for other state purposes. This fund now nearly takes care of the schools.

Texas is especially fortunate in flowers, both wild and cultivated. The State flower is the bluebonnet. Almost any flower grown in the United States can be grown in Texas. Chrysanthemums grow extensively.

FIGHTING A HARD FIGHT.

Iowa People are Beginning to Awaken to the Number Moving to the Panhandle.

Randall County News: Texas has a right to laugh and laugh loudly at the antics of some of the Northern states just at this time. We have been having such unprecedented success in the development of our country that these Northern states have been frightened at their condition and are beginning to prepare to do battle to combat the great tide of immigration which is coming this way.

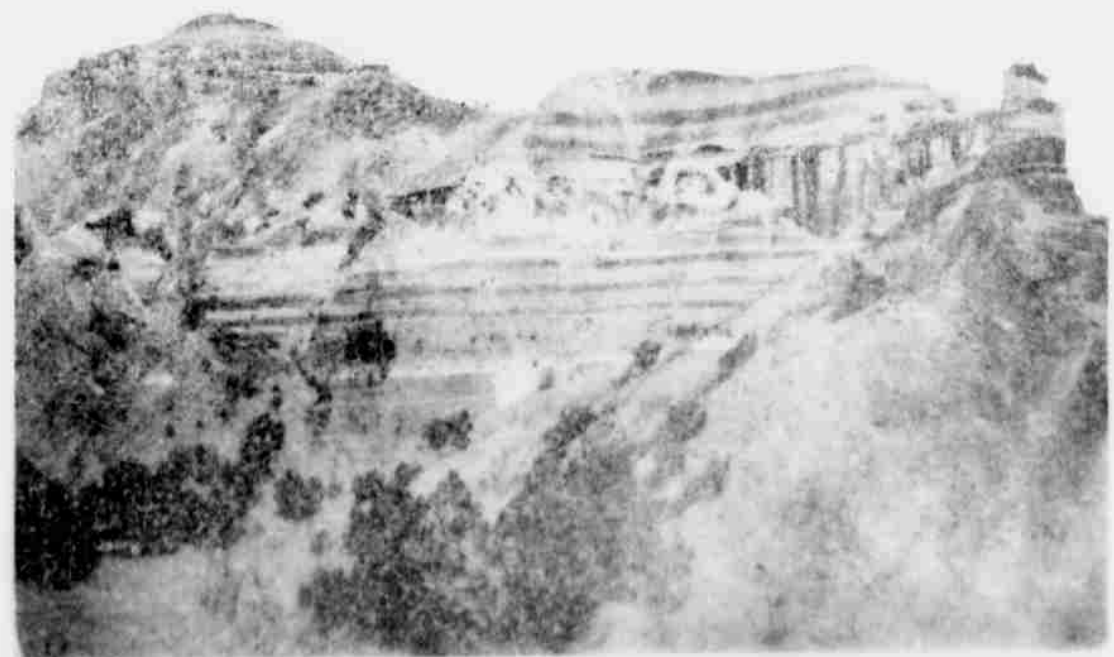
In a recent edition of one of the Des Moines, Iowa, papers the following article appeared under big head letters:

"That the Dollar Club, organized at Des Moines last week to conduct a campaign preventing young men from investing in Texas Panhandle lands, will become a state organization, was decided at a meeting held at the Wellington Hotel yesterday. The name of the club will be changed to the Greater Iowa Club and the movement will be spread to other cities. Articles of incorporation for \$10,000 are being drawn. Forty directors will have charge of the work of this parent body and as rapidly as possible the membership will be extended throughout the State. The club wishes to educate young men that just as good investments are offered in Iowa as in any part of the United States and that dealing in Texas lands is a shaky proposition."

Of course, such a procedure could have but one effect and that is to increase the interests of their very own "young men" in the Panhandle, and they will there fore investigate most fully than ever in the past the possibilities of this great section. They will see what it has to offer to the country and its products. They will become better acquainted with the facts.



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